

more dynamic in the tropics and is almost replaced every year, as much as the above-ground compartment. This is unlike the situation in, temperate grasslands, where the reported values are often much lower, ranging from 0.19 to 0.69⁵.

It may be concluded that the arrested successional grasslands at Cherrapunji, which are subjected to a variety of stresses, show ecosystem properties adapted for survival under stress.

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